

Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 5, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Assumption Hall

**Present – Trevor, Roger, Randy, Lori, Fr. Mike, Charity, Sela, Laura, Marianne, Cassandra, Gayle**

**Absent – George, Deb B, Deb L, Nicole, Kathy.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Approval of Agenda –** Agenda approved by consensus

**Approval of Minutes –** Minutes missing from last meeting. October agenda appended with meeting notes to document meeting.

**Maintenance to Mission / Evangelization –** Solemnity of All Saints Reflection Questions were discussed

**Commission Reports**

- Pastoral Care
  - Phone-calling, Greeting card mailing, Prayer Chain, and Grief Group (Seasons of Hope) continue to go strong.
  - Fr Mike was able to anoint 2 parishioners: one hospice at Beloit Hospital and one at home.(Both non-COVID)
  - Laura brought Eucharist to 2 parishioners for the first time since the pandemic! Hospice patient's family & to one facility upon special request.
  - No other ministers have entered homes during the pandemic. However, families have been allowed to bring Eucharist home to their loved-ones upon request.
  - Visiting policies vary widely from facility to facility and change often, with the most open policy allowing visitors to take their loved ones out of the building for excursions.
- Liturgy Commission
  - Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.
  - Preparing for Advent/Christmas
    - Possibly adding an earlier Vigil Mass on Dec. 24 (4:00, 5:30, 9:00 Christmas Eve, 8:00, 10:30 Christmas Day) Considering sign-up for mass.
    - No Pageant at the 5:00 Mass
  - Giving Tree will happen
    - Doves on trees for Green Knoll at Beloit Residents
    - Collecting for \$25 Walmart gift cards for other organizations (to supplement giving tree doves due to lower attendance)
- Education Commission
  - Faith Formation

- Advent-ure Sunday (Grades 1-5: Preregister to assure availability of supplies)
    - Advertising registration through Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> | Pick up will be weekend of Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (Event will be take home)
    - Free will offering will be accepted
    - Supplies while they last for families who did not register but wish to participate
  - RCIA
    - 6-7 candidates from all 3 Cluster Parishes (which is awesome)
  - Sacrament of Reconciliation
    - Have 32 children; mostly 2<sup>nd</sup> graders (RCIC meet Sundays to supplement formation)
    - Tentative plan is for Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>; in discussion about changing in regards to pandemic
  - Adult Formation
    - Going to offer suggestions each week to participate in through Advent (flyer to go in the VOX)
  - Baptisms
    - Asking for families to have less than 10 people; ideally just parents and godparents
    - Anyone traveling from out of state is being asked out of caution to not attend; which has caused Baptisms to need to be postponed (everyone has been understanding)
    - We have 3 school children participating in the Sacrament
- o Youth Ministry
- Confirmation Retreat - in house on Nov 14 - 9am - 6 pm
  - We cannot go to Camp Gray this year, but will be hosting a similar retreat here at OLA.
  - Frassati Fest - Has been canceled for in person at the Kalahari, but parishes are welcome to participate in house virtually!
    - That possibly means that folks who don't want to come to OLA in person could participate in some capacity in Frassati Fest online still which is a plus. Those that did it for LBH loved that option.
  - LBH - At this point it is being planned still for both in person or virtual so that we are prepared whichever way and can still offer it to teens as a summer option
- o School
- COVID Update - Holiday's
    - The Rock Co. Health Dept has asked that schools e-learn during the week after Thanksgiving to help slow the spread for COVID-19. A discussion with the teachers, parish staff and Education Commission has happened. Trevor will update us at Pastoral Council. (This is confirmed during Education Commission)
  - End of 1st Trimester

- School is finished with our first trimester (yay! only one two week closure!) on 11/13 Special thanks to the teachers for their amazing work during a difficult time with the pandemic.
  - P-T Conferences via Zoom
    - Due to the pandemic, we will be holding PT Conferences via Zoom on 11/19 and 11/20
  - Christmas Program
    - Due to the pandemic, the Christmas Program will be cancelled this year for in-person learning. Mrs. Doyle is working on ways to reach out to the families for some Christmas cheer.
  - Upcoming School Dates:
    - 11/9--No School, Vet's Day
    - 11/13--Half Day, End of Trimester
    - 11/19 & 11/20--P/T Conferences
    - 11/23-11/27--Thanksgiving Break (Depending on Rock Co. guidance for closing schools and e-learning a week after)
- Child Care
  - Received a grant for PPE supplies
  - Daycare is open
  - Free Lunch and Breakfast being provided by school district
  - Abusive Head Trauma training complete
- Parish Life/Stewardship Commission
  - First drive-thru fish fry went well @325 meals served. 2<sup>nd</sup> is tomorrow night.
  - No Thanksgiving Dinner this year
- Social Justice Commission
  - Caritas To continue serving our neighbors we ask your help in providing **financial support to provide the ingredients for a Holiday Meal during the Christmas season.** We also need continued donations in 2021 as Feeding America (our national partner) is telling us we may face a **61% increase in demand for food pantry services.**
  - Dia de los Muertos **Thanks to the Zagal** family and helpers. The "sugar skull" sweet side of death/resurrection theme this year is awesome.
  - Family Promise OLA **next host week will be in April** of 2021. (Let's hope it can be our first in-person post-covid hosting.)
  - GODS Fund This fund is **at all ALL TIME LOW.** We will be asking parishioners to consider an end-of-year donation via bulletin.
  - November is Homelessness Awareness Month See OLA bulletin for a few ideas on how you can support outreach in Beloit.
  - Respect Life We do not have a complete count on the Baby Bottle/Flier 2020 campaign as of yet. I do know as of Oct. 26th Willow **Women's Center received \$1032.** I do not have count yet from the parish or school and Faith Formation. \_\_\_\_\_
  - St Joan of Arc Collection **\$1915.00** was collected for our sister parish as of 11/2/20

- Finance Council
  - Annual Catholic Appeal Goal \$76,075, Actual \$59,507. 78% of Goal
  - Year end letter being sent out soon. Pledge letter will be done via mail.
  - Roof repairs in Gym progressing. Expected duration is two weeks
  - Duct failure in hood in Assumption Hall kitchen.

**New Business** – Proposal to hire part time marketing director for the school. Goal for the position is to improve/maintain school enrollment. Job description has been simplified. (See attached). Could not approve due to lack of quorum. (Note: Subsequently approved via email)

## **On-Going Business**

### **Good of the Parish**

People appreciate the singing on the video masses  
Campus is looking good. Thank you to all the volunteers that make this happen  
Teachers are doing a great job

Next Meeting: December 3 at 7:30 PM

### **Closing Prayer**